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Dear Joshua Lederberg,

thank you very much for the e-mail message dated December 30, 1994 and for the information it contained.

In 1993 we submitted to the ISTC the project "Development of production technology for the recombinant vaccine against hepatitis B for oral administration". At present this project received the support of the government of the Russian Federation and undergoes examination in the ISTC. This project is attached to the letter (Appendix 1).

As for the projects which we sent you last August aiming to perform them in cooperation with American scientists, we did not submit them to ISTC.

After receiving your e-mail, within a month we will prepare the following projects for ISTC: 1. on hantaviruses; 2. on paleo-virology of variola virus; 3. on possible recombinational mechanisms of origin of the new natural isolates of bunyaviruses/lentiviruses; and 4. on the study of immunosuppressive properties of Ebola and Marburg viruses.

However, the procedure of submission of a project to the ISTC is connected with receiving the support of the government of the Russian Federation which takes about 2-4 months. As our experience demonstrated, this process is further continuing for about 1.5 year. Taking into consideration your scientific interest to the problem of viral evolution, we would be grateful to you for your recommendations concerning the collaborators for the projects which are under preparation for the ISTC (hantaviruses, paleo-virology of variola virus, recombination of bunyaviruses/lentiviruses).

Thank you very much for your attention to our work.

Sincerely yours

Lev Sandakhchiev